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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned	
TETSUYA YANO ET AL.	Group Art Unit: Unassigned	
Application No.: 09/819,667)	Group Art onite. onassigned	
Filed: March 29, 2001)		
FOR: NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT PRIMER OR PROBE, AND METHOD OF DETECTING POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE SYNTHESIZING MICROORGANISM BY USKNG THE SAME)	May 9, 2001	

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited, in an abstract attached and in a corresponding U.S. patent, if provided.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	GROUP ART UNIT
09/748,205	December 27, 2000	1651
09/791,610	February 26, 2001	N/Y/A

A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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